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PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

Hawai'i Invasive Species Council

June 9, 2021, 1:00 p.m

Considering the evolving COVID-19 situation, protecting the health and welfare of the community is of utmost concern. As such, the meeting was held remotely, with Council members, legislative participants, and staff participating via online meeting software and livestreamed the meeting

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1. Call to order at 1:00 pm by Chair Suzanne Case
2. Introductions
 1. Voting Members Present: Suzanne Case (DLNR), Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (HDOA), Nicholas Comerford (UH), Gracelda Simmons (designee from HDOH), David Rodriguez (HDOT), Mary Alice Evans (DBEDT)
 2. Legislative Members Present: Rep. Chris Lee, Rep. Nicole Lowen, Rep. Lisa Marten, Rep. Tina Wildberger, Brandon Kim/Sen. Kouchi, Ben Viernes/Rep. Nadine Nakamura
3. Approval of minutes from January 27, 2021 meeting
 1. Discussion: None
 2. Motion to approve: Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser/Co-Chair (HDOA)
 3. 2nd: Nicholas Comerford (UH)
 4. Unanimous
4. Submittal: Requesting approval of HISC Resources Working Group members (Chelsea Arnott (HISC Planner))
 1. Discussion: None
 2. Motion to approve: Mary Alice Evans (DBEDT)
 3. 2nd: Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (HDOA)
 4. Unanimous (w/support of all legislators present)
5. Presentation: Hawaii's biological control programs, past and present, and future needs for building capacity in Hawai'i and the Pacific region through the coordinated efforts of the Biocontrol Working Group (Chelsea Arnott) - All presentations attached in pdf format
 1. Presenter 1: Mark Wright (UH CTAHR)
 2. Presenter 2: Tracy Johnson (USDA FS)
 3. Presenter 3: Darcy Oishi (HDOA)

4. Presenter 4: Nicholas Manoukis (USDA ARS)
5. Discussion/Q&A:
 1. Suzanne Case: Questions?
 2. Rep. Nicole Lowen: Is USDA ARS doing any work w/LFA?
 1. Nicholas Manoukis: Yes, but ARS is not focusing on biological control
 2. Darcy Oishi: In the realm of biocontrol, a fungus was examined in 1975 and not found to be effective. A parasitoid was found on the BI, but it was not feasible for effective biocontrol.
 3. David Rodriguez: How promising are the Albizia mite galls?
 1. Tracy Johnson: It's promising, but we don't have adequate biocontrol facilities in HI to accommodate these tiny mites.
6. Submittal: Supporting the Planning, Construction, & Operation of Pacific Regional Biocontrol Facilities and Committing Agency Engagement: Chelsea Arnott (HISC)
 1. Discussion:
 2. Suzanne Case: Questions or Comments?
 1. Christy Martin (CGAPS): oral testimony in support. Western Governors Association meeting is coming up. This is an opportunity to send a strong signal from HI and the Pacific. The suggestion is for the Council to brief the Governor on this matter.
 2. Andy Cullison (DOFAW): emailed late testimony in support (attached to notes)
 3. Motion to approve: Nicholas Comerford (UH)
 4. 2nd: Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser (HDOA)
7. Public Comments: None
8. Adjournment: at 2:00p by Chair Suzanne Case